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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY - PASS AMBASSADOR MCHENRY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, SF, WA

SUBJECT:NAMIBIA: APRIL 6 CONTACT GROUP MEETING (WALVIS
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BAY AND SECURITY COUNCIL TIMETABLE)

REF: USUN 1261

1. AT APRIL 6 CONTACT GROUP MEETING, MISSION SHOULD
ADVISE THAT US PLANS NO FURTHER ACTION ON WALVIS BAY
ISSUE AT THIS TIME. MISSION SHOULD POINT OUT HOWEVER THAT

WE BELIEVE THAT CHANCES FOR AFRICAN AND INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF CONTACT GROUP PROPOSALS WOULD BE GREATLY ENHANCED IF STATEMENTS ALONG LINES OF WHAT US HAS SAID ON WALVIS BAY TO FRONT LINE AND NIGERIA COULD BE MADE BY ALL CONTACT GROUP MEMBERS AT APPROPRIATE POINT AFTER SWAPO'S ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL. MISSION SHOULD FURTHER ADVISE CONTACT GROUP THAT IN DEFERENCE TO VIEWS OF OTHER MEMBERS WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT INTEND AT THIS TIME TO RAISE ISSUE OF WALVIS BAY WITH SOUTH AFRICANS.

2. ON SECURITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT FORMAL COUNCIL SESSION DURING THE WEEK OF APRIL 10 IS VERY DESIRABLE AND THAT WE SHOULD NOT LET APRIL 10 TARGET FOR CIRCULATING PROPOSALS SLIP. WE COULD GO ALONG WITH A SCHEDULE AS ENVISAGED IN REFTEL, I.E.,

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSAL TO COUNCIL ON APRIL 10, INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS APRIL 12 AND 13, WITH FORMAL COUNCIL SESSION APRIL 14 ALTHOUGH WE WOULD PREFER MORE COMPRESSED SCHEDULE IF POSSIBLE FOR REASONS STATED BY AMBASSADOR MCHENRY IN CAPE TOWN'S 682. CONTACT GROUP OBJECTIVES FOR FORMAL COUNCIL SESSION WILL BE INFLUENCED TO VERY LARGE DEGREE ON HOW PARTIES REACT TO OUR PROPOSAL DURING INTERVENING PERIOD. SINCE THESE REACTIONS ARE UNLIKELY TO BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO APRIL 10, WE BELIEVE THAT LETTER FROM FIVE PERMREPS
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CIRCULATING PROPOSAL SHOULD SIMPLY REQUEST DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL AND NOT SPECIFY WHAT SORT OF COUNCIL ACTION IS ENVISAGED.

3. TALKING POINTS PARA 12 REFTEL FOR USE WITH SWAPO AND SOUTH AFRICA ARE ACCEPTABLE, AS WELL AS SUPPLEMENTAL TALKING POINT PARA 13 FOR USE ONLY WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

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